

# Letters to the Editor

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## C. I. A.

### TO THE EDITOR:

**JACK RAYMOND**, in his review of my book, "C. I. A., The Inside Story," concludes that the book has "a cloud over it" apparently because Mr. Allen Dulles, who in some aspects is criticized in the book, has attacked it.

The review says the book accuses Mr. Dulles of trying to make a separate peace settlement with Himmler and help preserve a Nazi-style Germany.

In fact, the book specifically states that Dulles was justified in dealing with an emissary of Himmler in order to "hasten the fall of the Hitler regime and the collapse of the Nazis." Mr. Raymond also complains that the book "reports as authentic" a German agent's version of the incident involved. Actually the book carefully notes that this is the Nazi agent's version and in no way accepts the version as true. It says only if Dulles actually expressed Nazi-like sentiments to the Nazi agent, then it must be remembered that lying to a Nazi was "one of the necessary evils of espionage."

Apparently, again reflecting Mr. Raymond's interview with Mr. Dulles, the review states that the acknowledgments I made to Mr. Dulles and others "imply more cooperation" than they "were willing to confirm." The fact is I interviewed all the persons named and obtained from them important and useful (not classified) information or help in obtaining same. Objections were received in more or less the same terms and at substantially the same time from officials, at least some of whom had been made aware of Mr. Dulles' feelings about the book, and we arranged to have their names eliminated.

Mr. Dulles' attack as quoted in the review and the review itself regret that the book repeats "Communist propaganda which, over the years, has been directed toward the destruction of C. I. A. by Moscow." Surely we are past the time when all that is necessary to discredit a work is to say that it says what Communists say. The question is not who says what, but whether what is said is so. \*

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## A Reply

### TO THE EDITOR:

It seems to me that if Mr. Dulles, who presumably knows plenty about the C. I. A., denounces Mr. Tully's "Inside Story" of that agency as a compilation of rumor, hearsay, inaccuracies and distortions that puts "a cloud over it," on the other hand, as I said in the review Mr. Tully's is an easily readable and interesting book.

JACK RAYMOND.

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